



General Assembly

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Amendment

LCO No. 3926

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To: Subst. House Bill No. 5276

File No. 353

Cal. No. 298

"An Act Concerning The Mandatory School Attendance Age."

1 After line 131 insert the following and renumber the remaining
2 section accordingly:

3 "Sec. 5. Subsection (a) of section 10-198a of the general statutes is
4 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof:

5 (a) For purposes of this section, "truant" means a child age five to
6 [sixteen] eighteen, inclusive, who is enrolled in a public or private
7 school and has four unexcused absences from school in any one month
8 or ten unexcused absences from school in any school year.

9 Sec. 6. Section 10-200 of the general statutes is repealed and the
10 following is substituted in lieu thereof:

11 Each city and town may adopt ordinances concerning habitual
12 truants from school and children between the ages of five and [sixteen]
13 eighteen years wandering about its streets or public places, having no

14 lawful occupation and not attending school; and may make such
15 ordinances respecting such children as shall conduce to their welfare
16 and to public order, imposing penalties, not exceeding twenty dollars,
17 for any one breach thereof. The police in any town, city or borough
18 and bailiffs, constables, sheriffs and deputy sheriffs in their respective
19 precincts shall arrest all such children found anywhere beyond the
20 proper control of their parents or guardians, during the usual school
21 hours of the school terms, and may stop any child under sixteen years
22 of age during such hours and ascertain whether such child is a truant
23 from school, and, if such child is, shall send such child to school. For
24 purposes of this section, "habitual truant" means a child age five to
25 [sixteen] eighteen, inclusive, enrolled in a public or private school who
26 has twenty unexcused absences within a school year.

27 Sec. 7. Subdivision (5) of section 45a-604 of the general statutes, as
28 amended by section 4 of public act 99-84, is repealed and the following
29 is substituted in lieu thereof:

30 (5) "Guardianship" means guardianship of the person of a minor,
31 and includes: (A) The obligation of care and control; and (B) the
32 authority to make major decisions affecting the minor's education and
33 welfare, including, but not limited to, consent determinations
34 regarding marriage, enlistment in the armed forces and major medical,
35 psychiatric or surgical treatment."